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### THE NATIVE JURIES.

The Legislature cannot find fault with the various departments for not sending in their reports promptly. The bulk of the reports has already been handed in, and where reports such as those of the Chief Justice and the Minister of Finance have their tables not quite complete, portions of the reports have been laid on the Senators' and Members' desks.

Among the suggestions made by the Chief Justice is one that accords with several articles that appeared in these columns during the last year. The suggestion is as follows: "I think the time has come when the distinctions between the nationality or race origin of jurors should be abolished."

It has been pointed out in these columns that the retention of Hawaiian juries to try the cases of Hawaiians had kept up a race feeling and had led to unsatisfactory results. The way in which Hawaiian juries had come to be regarded was shown when praise was given to the Hawaiian jury that tried Kapea and Kalo for the murder of Dr. Smith, because they found the prisoners guilty upon irrefutable evidence. There was no need of praise, because the jurymen simply did their manifest duty, but people had got into the way of thinking that an Hawaiian jury would not convict an Hawaiian. It was erroneous, but it was a widespread belief. It was an unjust slur upon the integrity of the Hawaiian as a race, but the idea existed nevertheless.

The Chief Justice in commenting upon his own suggestion makes some pertinent remarks. He says that the system of trying foreigners accused of offenses by a foreign jury and native Hawaiians by a Hawaiian jury, and the use of mixed juries in civil cases was initiated in early days "owing to the then divergent degree of intelligence of the respective races." He adds, what The Star has urged, "Its continuance to the present day has, in my opinion, assisted in keeping alive 'race feeling.'"

One thing is certain, and that is that in forming a nation you must put all parts of it upon an equal footing. The system of Hawaiian juries for Hawaiians tended to put them on a different footing to the rest of the people. It prevented, and does prevent, the proper amalgamation of the body politic.

The suggestion then is in the line of distinct progress and coming from the high source that it does will undoubtedly receive due attention.

The portion of the Chief Justice's report devoted to the statistics of crime is always interesting. With an increasing population there must also be an increase in crime. In 1894-5 there were 8,578 convictions, for the present biennial period there were 10,355, an increase of 1,777.

The largest number of convictions are against Chinese, the Hawaiians come next and the Portuguese have the enviable distinction of being the most law abiding. The Chief Justice taking the census returns of 1896 as a basis gives the ratio of criminals to each nationality. These ratios come out fairly well among the Chinese and the Japanese, because this portion of the population is composed mainly of adults, but it is manifestly unfair to compare a population largely composed of children, with the criminal propensities of races who are nearly all adults.

The proper way to reach a ratio of criminal propensity is to take the number of each population above sixteen as the basis of calculation. Thus the total Hawaiian population is 31,019, but 9,981 of this is under sixteen, and in this country there are so few criminals under that age that they are not considered. Therefore there are 20,038 possible crime committers. Among Part-Hawaiians there are 5,027 below sixteen out of a population of 8,485, leaving only 3,358 for criminals to be found among. So that we have taking Hawaiians and Part Hawaiians together 23,396, instead of 29,504 as a proper basis to compare the Hawaiian criminals with the Chinese and Japanese criminals. Working on this basis, instead of the Hawaiian ratio being 7 per cent, it ought to be 13 per

cent, and the Portuguese ratio would be raised to 7 per cent instead of 3 per cent, as figured in the report.

It should be remembered that a large number of the convictions against the Chinese and Japanese are for gambling and opium smoking. If those cases were deducted from the general total it would reduce the criminal record against these races considerably.

### IGNORANT LEGISLATORS.

According to the morning journal, legislators are ignorant of the science of government, they are elected by people who are ignorant and who do not care about the quality of legislation and who only care for party views. Of course the critic is not ignorant. The whole science of government has been compassed by his gigantic intellect. This is ever the cry of the self-satisfied mugwump. Everybody is ignorant, everybody is wrong; I, only the "grosse Ich," as the Germans say, am right.

As it happens both Houses contain men of large legislative experience, altogether apart from the Ministry. In the Senate are J. Kaubane, H. P. Baldwin, Cecil Brown, Henry Waterhouse, W. C. Wilder and George N. Wilcox, who all have a long legislative experience, and two of them have occupied Ministerial positions, while the whole Senate has sat for one session. In the House are E. E. Richards, John D. Paris, S. W. Kaai, W. F. Pogue, A. G. M. Robertson, John Lot Kaulukou and S. R. Kaeo, who have had legislative experience, and one of them has held a Ministerial post and represented this country abroad. With such a leaven of experience the know nothings, like Loebenstein, Aehl, Gear, McCandless, Wilder and Atkinson may possibly be directed into the right path.

Perhaps it would be a good thing to establish a Legislative college, and, with a mugwump professor, learn how a government can be conducted theoretically, but may fail practically, for that is the mugwump's strong suit.

### END OF A HISTORIC BELL.

Schaffhausen's monastery bell, the motto on which, "Vivos Voce, Mortuos Plango Fulgura Frango," led Schiller to write the "Lied von der Glocke," is to be melted down. It was cast at Basel in 1486; a piece broke out over one hundred years ago, and last year a new crack was made, which rendered it useless.

### BY AUTHORITY

#### SEALED TENDERS.

Will be received at the Office of the Minister of the Interior until SATURDAY, February 19, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon, for publishing, printing and binding the Session Laws of 1898, as follows:

1. Publishing in newspaper, English and Hawaiian, one time each, at per 1,000 "ems" octavo measure, double column.
2. Printing and binding 500 copies of the above laws, English, in the same style of binding as the Session Laws of 1896, at so much per page, including covers.
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All bids must be endorsed "Tenders for Printing Laws," and must be made in conformity with the above items as specified.

The Minister of the Interior does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any bid.

J. A. KING,  
Minister of the Interior,  
Interior Office, Feb. 17, 1898.

The opening of the above tender has been postponed to Monday, February 21, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon.

J. A. KING,  
Minister of the Interior,  
Interior Office, February 18, 1898.

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The Hawaiian Safe Deposit and Investment Company.

## Timely Topics.

February 18, 1898.

The advisability of spending half a million dollars for a sewerage system for the city of Honolulu is being earnestly considered by those in authority, but some time must elapse before it can be completed, should it be decided upon. The recent heavy storms, as you have noticed, has made our drinking water very impure. It needs filtering. We have what you want in the

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### Because

you can now have ten pounds of ice a day for \$3 a month, which used to cost you \$4.50.

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90-inch Bleached Sheeting 20 cents per Yard.

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Full Size Bedspreads at 75c and 90c each.

36 inch "Madapolam," Reduced to 10c and 12 c per Yard.

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